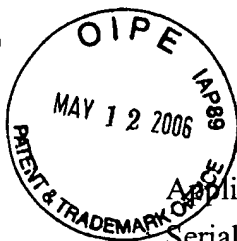


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It is respectfully requested that an one month Extension of Time be granted in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 to file a response to the Office Action dated 1/12/2006 for the above-identified application.

In accord with 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1), the fee for an one month Extension of Time for response is \$60.00. This amount should be charged to account number #501693. A duplicate of this extension is enclosed.

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